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CLERK 8/24/71

WITH JURY 212

LOS ANGELES(CNS)--AN IMMEDIATE COUNTY TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION WAS ORDERED TODAY INTO COUNTY GRAND JURY CHARGES OF SIRHAN EVIDENCE BUNGLING BY THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

SUPERVISOR CHAIRMAN WARREN M. DORN TOOK THE ACTION AFTER AN HOUR LONG CLOSED-DOOR SESSION WITH TOP OFFICIALS AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCES WITH TWO SUPERVISORS.

DORN SAID THAT PENDING RESULTS OF THE STUDY -- AND REVIEW OF THE CASE BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY -- NO SUSPENSION OR OTHER ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED AGAINST COUNTY CLERK WILLIAM G. SHARP.

IN FACT, DORN SAID, HE HOPES THAT SHARP, A 35-YEAR VETERAN OF COUNTY SERVICE, CAN COME UP WITH A DEFENSE THAT WILL SUBSTANTIATE HIS "CONTINUED STATEMENT" THAT THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH HIS OFFICE OPERATION.

THE GRAND JURY, IN A LETTER DELIVERED TO SUPERVISORS IN LATE AFTERNOON, SAID THERE "PROBABLE MISFEASANCE AND NONFEASANCE WAS WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE."

JURORS SAID THAT "SUCH MANAGEMENT, IF ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, CAN ONLY WEAKEN THE INTEGRITY AND STRUCTURE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT..."

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